



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

Impact Fee Study—This is the second public hearing on this subject. Dave Dunn gives overview. Tonight Council can vote on whether to go ahead with an Impact Fee Study for \$43,000.

Karen Tome—4th Avenue—In favor of funding Impact Fee Study. Does not feel Brunswick Crossing should be exempted from Impact Fees.

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE—Johnson, Biser, Allgaier, Stull, Bruchey, Smith—all present

ROLL CALL

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Proclamation—Fair Housing Month—Mayor reads
Proclamation—Autism Awareness Month—Mayor reads
Proclamation—Community Pride Month—Mayor reads

CITIZENS' FORUM

No comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pool and Skate Park Hiring
No objections.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Control—Removal of Handicap Sign—527 Brunswick Street

Motion to remove–Smith
2nd–Biser
Vote 6-0

Budget Amendment–Sewer Fund–Dave Dunn
Motion to approve–Allgaier
2nd–Stull
Vote 6-0

Brunswick Area Farmers’ Market–Michelle Tuwiner, Brunswick Street resident and Brunswick Main Street member
Request attached. Presents over 70 signature petition of supporters for Farmers’ Market. Requesting use of City Hall parking lot and City tents. Is willing to set up tents, so no City employees needed.

Motion to approve–Biser
2nd–Allgaier
Vote 6-0

Blues Festival–Steve Norris, President of Frederick Blues Society & Mary Nix, Interim Main Street Manager
Give brief overview of request (attached.) Requesting use of Square Corner Park, one Public Works employee, Geri Reynolds to work, street barricades, use of tent. Many merchants are supportive of this endeavor. Main Street supports this endeavor, as well.

Motion to approve–Stull
2nd–Allgaier
Vote 6-0

Tank Site “A” Street Right-of-Way

Ellwood Wineholt–601 Brunswick Street, Commander of American Legion
Clarifies points made previously and assures that American Legion cannot sell the tank...it belongs to the Military. Gives background of how this issue began. American Legion does not want responsibility of tank.

Floyd Goetz–712 North Maple Avenue–VFW Quarter Master
VFW voted to accept responsibility of tank, but cannot assume responsibility unless City gives VFW a letter to continue to use A Street for tank site.

Mrs. Halmo–Jefferson, MD–Stated the tank gave Brunswick a sense of community and warmth.

Walter Routzahn–12 Concord Drive–Plans are still under way to expand this area into a park.

Would like to see tank stay.

Motion—Continue the use of A Street right-of-way for tank site and give a confirming letter to the VFW—Smith

2nd—Biser

Vote 6-0

Impact Fee Study—Dave Dunn gives presentation regarding Brunswick Crossing additional improvements to illustrate why they shouldn't be included in Impact Fees.

Biser—Questions what happens to base price of homes at Brunswick Crossing when considering Special Tax District funding?

Jerry Connelly and Dan Snyder, Brunswick Crossing—No lending institution would've funded the infrastructure improvements needed up front before any homes were built. All costs pass through to the person buying the home. By being part of the Special Tax District, a lower interest rate is applicable, therefore saving the homeowners some funds. Feels it is not fair to ask Brunswick Crossing residents to pay Impact Fees on top of funding Special Tax District.

Lengthy discussion between Biser and Connelly regarding whether Brunswick Crossing should be part of Impact Fees.

Smith—Thinks that the issues Biser is bringing up were addressed in 2002 in annexation of Brunswick Crossing. Doesn't feel we should bring this up again.

Mayor—Will support Impact Fee Study, but will not support for Brunswick Crossing.

Karen Tome—Still is not convinced Brunswick Crossing should be exempt. Special Taxing District is a funding source for the developer.

Michelle Tuwiner—New resident to Brunswick. Believes the Impact Fee Study should go forward.

Motion to go ahead with study—Biser

No 2nd

Motion dies

Allgaier—Recommends looking into future budgets to make sure we set aside enough money for capital improvements.

Smith—Doesn't believe City has money for this in this budget year, but wouldn't be opposed to budgeting for this next year. However, still wouldn't vote to include Brunswick Crossing.

Grants Overview Presentation—Dave Dunn

Approved By: Carol J. Fournier 4/8/08
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: Dave Dunn 4/8/08
City Administrator Date